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Mail Stop Amendment
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LASER DRILLING

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_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

_____ A Request for Extension of Time.

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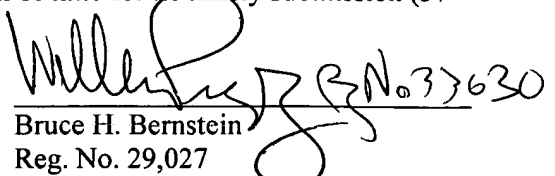
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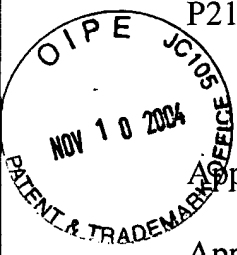
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 10, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on November 10, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.